been considered but not found feasible at present for want of spare line capacity, terminal facilities and coaches. A decision has been taken to provide Pantry car on this train.

Domestic and International Passengers

997. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the total number of domestic and international passengers during the last three years and the revenue earned therefrom; Airport-wise?

THE MINISTER CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : The total number of air passengers (both domestic and international), who utilised Indian airports during the last 3 years is as under :

1993-94	3.25 crores
1994-95	3.57 crores
1995-96	3.70 crores

Airports Authority of India does not derive any direct revenue from the passengers, except for the passenger service fee. Airport-wise details of passenger service fee collections are not maintained.

International Airport at Nedumbassery in Kerala

998. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken action on the suggestion of Government of Kerala to establish an International Airport at Nedumbassery in view of the fact that the Government of Kerala is ready to provide all infrastructural facilities required for the purpose; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Central Government has accorded approval to the State Government of Kerala for developing a new airport of international standards at Nedumbassery near Cochin, with private participation. M/s. Cochin International Airport Ltd., a company formed for this purpose has already started the construction work.

Diamond in Deobhog in Madhya Pradesh

999. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has decided that diamond would be available, if mined, in the Deobhog area of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the survey carried out and the findings thereof;

(c) whether any prospecting licences have been granted to any party in the public and private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) The Geological Survey of India had undertaken survey in Deobhog area of Madhya Pradesh and identified five Kimberlite pipes, the source rocks of diamond.

(c) No prospecting licences have been granted to any party in the public or private sector in Madhya Pradesh.

(d) Question does not arise.

Shortage Equipments in Telecommunication Sector

1000. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received by Chief General Manager, West Bengal Telecom Circle, Calcutta, from various Associations during 1996 regarding accute shortage of equipments in the telecommunication stores; and

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received and action taken thereon by the office of CGM?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three complaints were received by Chief General Manager, West Bengal Telecom Circle. The CGM vigorously interacted with CGM, Telecom Stores, Calcutta for procurement of the stores. The position of telecom stores improved as a result thereof.

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Construction of Double Rail Lines

1001. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct double railway lines between Vasai and Diva;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Work is already in progress on 20 kms. length out of 42 kms. Contracts awarded for earthwork and bridges in 7 zones. The project is targetted for completion in 1998-99.